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NUMBER OF HIRED EASTERN CORNBELT WORKERS UP 27 PERCENT

The following information is the result of the Farm Labor Survey that was conducted in July 2009. Workers on farms in the Eastern Cornbelt States (Indiana, Illinois, Ohio) during the week of July 12-18, 2009 totaled 56,000. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.30.

There were 1,238,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 12-18, 2009, up 6 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 875,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 363,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.64 per hour during the July 2009 reference week, up 30 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.04 per hour, up 38 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$10.03 per hour compared with \$9.98 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.04 per hour, was up 30 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 39.8 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 2 percent from a year ago.



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HIRED WORKERS: NUMBER AND HOURS WORKED, AND WAGE RATES EASTERN CORNBELT AND UNITED STATES, APRIL 2008-2009 ^{1/} ^{2/}

Item	Eastern Cornbelt		United States	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
	Thousands			
Hired Workers on Farms	44	56	828	875
Expected to be Employed:				
150 Days or More	33	34	585	611
149 Days or Less	11	22	243	264
	Hours			
Hours Worked Per Week	35.0	36.2	40.5	39.8
	Dollars Per Hour			
Type of Hired Worker				
Field	10.27	9.78	9.66	10.04
Livestock	10.87	9.45	9.98	10.03
Field & Livestock	10.43	9.70	9.74	10.04
Wage Rates for All Hired Workers	10.90	10.30	10.34	10.64

^{1/} Reference weeks were July 12-18 in 2009 and July 6-12 in 2008. Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. Excludes Alaska.

^{2/} Eastern Cornbelt region consists of Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio.



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PRICES RECEIVED INDEX DOWN

The August 2009 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 131 (1991=100) was down 7 points from July's level and down 62 points from August 2008. The mid-August price for sows, all milk, and eggs increased from July. The mid-month price for corn, soybeans, winter wheat, and barrows and gilts decreased from the previous month.

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The Livestock Price Index of 85 was down 2 points from last month's index and 42 points below August 2008. The Crop Price Index of 159 was down 10 points from the index last month and 75 points below the previous year.



AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS - - INDIANA AND UNITED STATES AUGUST 2009 WITH COMPARISONS 1/

Item	Unit	Indiana			United States		
		August 2008	July 2009	August 15 2009	August 2008	July 2009	August 15 2009
		Dollars			Dollars		
Corn	Bu.	5.67	3.66	3.28	5.26	3.60	3.31
Soybeans	Bu.	13.50	11.10	10.80	12.80	10.80	10.70
Winter Wheat	Bu.	6.43	4.33	3.57	7.30	4.98	4.44
Oats	Bu.	7/	7/	7/	3.16	2.03	1.85
All Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	163.00	116.00	109.00
Alfalfa Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	179.00	120.00	111.00
Other Hay 2/	Ton	6/	6/	6/	121.00	104.00	101.00
Apples 2/	Lb.	6/	6/	6/	.537	.178	.256
All Hogs	Cwt.	60.90	46.40	42.80	60.70	43.20	39.70
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	62.50	47.70	43.20	61.70	43.90	40.00
Sows	Cwt.	44.60	31.80	37.60	40.50	28.30	33.20
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	6/	6/	6/	95.80	81.10	80.30
Milk Cows 3/	Head	3/	1450.00	3/	3/	1280.00	3/
All Milk	Cwt.	20.00	11.90	12.00	18.40	11.30	11.80
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	20.00	11.90	4/	18.40	11.30	11.80
Manufactured Milk	Cwt.	7/	7/	7/	17.20	10.20	10.60
Eggs 5/	Doz.	.850	.500	.580	.820	.519	.579
Turkeys 2/	Lb.	6/	6/	6/	.632	.520	.510

1/ Entire month price is a revision of the previous published mid-month price for all items except when footnoted otherwise. 2/ Mid-month Price. 3/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacements only. Prices published in January, April, August, and October. 4/ Only Whole-month Price published. 5/ Mid-month price for Market (table) eggs, including eggs sold retail by the producer. 6/ Monthly estimates discontinued. 7/ Not Published.

JULY EGG PRODUCTION DOWN 5 PERCENT

Indiana's laying flocks produced 532 million eggs during July 2009, down 5 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand, at 23.0 million, was slightly

below last month and down 4 percent from last year. The rate of lay at 2,317 eggs per 100 layers, was slightly below last year.

EGG PRODUCTION, LAYERS, AND HATCHING NUMBERS INDIANA AND U.S., JULY 2008-2009

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
Average Layers on Hand (thousands)	23,896	22,962	96	336,276	332,602	99
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,327	2,317	100	2,260	2,281	101
Total Eggs Produced (millions)	556	532	95	7,599	7,586	100
Table Eggs (millions)	544	519	94	6,474	6,505	100
Hatching Eggs (millions)	12	13	108	1,125	1,081	96
Egg-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	1/	1/	1/	37,250	36,282	97
Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	1/	1/	1/	805,182	781,215	97

1/ Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

INDIANA'S RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP 5 PERCENT

Indiana's commercial red meat production during July 2009 totaled 144.6 million pounds, up 5 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight of the 3,800 cattle killed totaled 4.1 million pounds. Total live weight of the 725,000 hogs killed totaled 187.9 million pounds. The 3,600 sheep slaughtered during July 2009 totaled 384,000 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production totaled 4.12 billion pounds in July, down 3 percent from the 4.25 billion pounds produced in July 2008. Beef production, at 2.27 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.92 million head, down 5 percent from July 2008. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at

1,282 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.8 million pounds, 12 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 79,900 head, down 9 percent from July 2008. The average live weight was down 13 pounds from last year, at 230 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.83 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.15 million head, down 3 percent from July 2008. The average live weight was up 5 pounds from the previous year, at 267 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 13.9 million pounds, was up 2 percent from July 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 207,400 head, slightly above last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, up 3 percent from July a year ago.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER 1/

Species	Indiana				United States			
	July		Jan - Jul		July		Jan - Jul	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
Cattle								
Number of Head (000)	3.7	3.8	23.0	24.0	3,062.5	2,920.6	20,390.2	19,499.2
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	1,061	1,059	1,059	1,054	1,273	1,282	1,270	1,287
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	3,934	4,061	24,365	25,291	3,886,174	3,731,439	25,817,454	25,006,065
Calves								
Number of Head (000)	2/	2/	2/	2/	87.9	79.9	519.2	528.9
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	2/	2/	2/	2/	243	230	268	256
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	2/	2/	2/	2/	21,032	18,216	137,131	133,614
Hogs								
Number of Head (000)	698.2	725.0	4,754.0	4,821.3	9,462.8	9,146.7	67,004.7	64,698.0
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	256	259	262	266	262	267	269	271
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	178,511	187,928	1,246,960	1,283,278	2,479,550	2,444,531	17,980,476	17,508,952
Sheep								
Number of Head (000)	2.6	3.6	16.0	20.5	207.1	207.4	1,482.9	1,415.7
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	107	108	108	109	132	135	139	139
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	283	384	1,726	2,237	27,305	27,937	205,902	196,386

1/ Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected plants and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

2/ Not published to avoid disclosure.

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on July 31, 2009 were greater than year earlier levels for cheese, pork, butter, eggs, beef, and turkey.

Butter stocks were up slightly from last month and up 7 percent from a year ago.

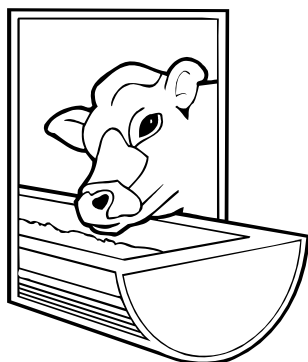
Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 2 percent from the previous month but up 7 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 5 percent from the previous month but up 8 percent from last year.

Stocks of pork bellies were down 21 percent from last month but up 4 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on July 31, 2009 were up 6 percent from the previous month but down 3 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 4 percent from the previous month but down 8 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 8 percent from last month and up 3 percent from July 31, 2008.

MIDWEST PRODUCTION EXPENDITURES UP

The Midwest region contributed the most to U.S. Total Farm Production Expenditures with expenses of \$91.2 billion or 30 percent, up from \$80.7 billion in 2007. The other regions ranked by Total Expenditures are: Plains at \$74.2 billion (24 percent); West at \$68.7 billion (22 percent); Atlantic at \$39.0 billion (13 percent); and South at \$34.0 billion (11 percent).



PRODUCTION EXPENDITURES: MAJOR INPUT ITEMS, AVERAGE PER FARM AND TOTAL, MIDWEST REGION, 2007-2008 ^{1/}

Expenditures - Farm Share	Average Per Farm		Total Expenditures	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Dollars		Million Dollars	
Total Farm Production Expenditures	128,131	145,555	80,710	91,190
Livestock and Poultry	10,795	10,567	6,800	6,620
Feed	15,383	17,558	9,690	11,000
Farm Services	14,240	14,621	8,970	9,160
Rent	14,240	16,919	8,970	10,600
Agricultural Chemicals	5,477	6,241	3,450	3,910
Fertilizer & Lime	11,129	14,525	7,010	9,100
Interest	6,318	6,464	3,980	4,050
Taxes (Real Estate & Property)	5,207	5,188	3,280	3,250
Labor	7,811	7,390	4,920	4,630
Fuels	6,096	7,582	3,840	4,750
Farm Supplies & Repairs	7,128	7,374	4,490	4,620
Farm Improvements & Construction	6,604	8,284	4,160	5,190
Tractors & Self Propelled Farm Machinery	4,810	6,800	3,030	4,260
Other Farm Machinery	2,683	3,895	1,690	2,440
Seeds & Plants	8,224	10,008	5,180	6,270
Trucks & Autos	1,857	2,027	1,170	1,270

^{1/} Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

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